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Life Expectancy Estimates Available by Neighborhood in Kansas

by the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE




The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Office of Vital Statistics, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics has partnered with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to produce life expectancy estimates in each census tract in the United States. Six years of data was used, through 2015, for the calculations of this indicator. [Kansas-specific geographic health statistics](#) are available online.

"These census tract-level life expectancy estimates—based on state death records and population estimates from the U.S. Bureau of the Census—have previously been unavailable nationwide," said Lou Saadi, Ph.D., State Registrar and Director of the KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics. "Access to estimates like these helps public health experts quantify how people living just a few miles apart can have vastly different opportunities for a long life. With this kind of information, community leaders can examine the factors that may be influencing differences in longevity—such as access to health care, safe and affordable housing, educational opportunities and other factors that impact the health of community members—and target solutions more effectively."

In Kansas, the dataset includes "life expectancy at birth" estimates for 723 Kansas Census Tracts. Life expectancy at birth ranges from 62.5 years in Census Tract 041800 (in Wyandotte County) to 89.7 years in Census Tract 962600 (in Gray County).

Although county-, city-, and ZIP code-level data have provided similar information, they often don't tell the full story as neighborhoods right next to each other—located within the same ZIP code, city or county—can provide drastically different opportunities for health and well-being. Census tract-level data offer information on a much smaller and targeted group of people making it easier to create a more complete picture of health at a local level. Census tracts cover an average of 4,000 people who typically have similar characteristics, such as social and economic status.

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National Fire Prevention Week – October 7-13

by Safe Kids Kansas

The theme for the 2018 National Fire Prevention Week is “Look. Listen. Learn.” Help spread the message of fire prevention in your community by reminding families to look out for places where a fire could start, listen for the smoke alarm, and learn two ways out of every room in your home. Home Fire Drill Day is Saturday, Oct. 13, when families are encouraged to review and practice their home fire escape plan with their entire family.

If you are interested in learning more about fire prevention, Safe Kids Kansas recommends the following resources:

- *Information from the Experts* – The Office of the State Fire Marshal has some helpful resources to share in your community, including a home fire escape planning tool and a video to share with kids. Access these resources [online](#).
- *Start Safe: Fire* – Start Safe: Fire is a Safe Kids program that has a wealth of resources to teach young children about fire safety. The program has videos, lesson plans, and activity sheets that educators can use within the classroom or that a parent can use in his/her home. Access the resources [here](#).
- *Fire Safety Infographic* – Did you know that working smoke alarms reduce the chance of dying in a home fire by half? Safe Kids Kansas provides a [fire safety infographic](#) containing this fact as well as other facts about fire safety. *Top Tips for Parents* – Safe Kids Kansas provides general fire safety tips on its [website](#). It also has information on burns and scalds on the [website](#).

Life Expectancy Estimates Available by Neighborhood in Kansas Cont.

Community members can use the data to guide conversations about what is causing life expectancy disparities in their neighborhood and what changes they want to address those challenges, such as better public transportation, access to healthy food or job training opportunities.

For more information on the United States Small-Area Life Expectancy Project (USALEEP) and to access life expectancy estimates for your neighborhood, please visit www.naphsis.org/usaleep and <http://kic.kdheks.gov/LifeExptncy.html#top>. The County Health Rankings' [What Works for Health](#) is a searchable tool that provides evidence-informed policies, programs, systems and environmental changes that can make a difference locally.

Fred the Preparedness Dog Visits Rush County Health Department

by Rush County Health Department



Rush County Health Department introduced Fred the Preparedness Dog and Michael McNulty to the annual Rush County Fair on Aug. 1.

Who is Fred? Fred is the KDHE Preparedness Dog. He is a German Shepherd who loves playing frisbees and eating popcorn. His best friend is Michael McNulty from KDHE. They both work with community groups, schools, health and medical organizations, emergency management, and others to promote preparedness for all

emergencies. Fred targets his message to children ages 5-12 and families with a concentration on children and pet preparedness activities.

Around 200 children and their families enjoyed seeing Fred and Michael throughout the evening. Coloring books, pens, pencils and stickers were given away to all who stopped by. Pictured are several children taking advice from Fred and Michael. Fred's appearance at the county fair was sponsored by the Rush County Health Department.

Maternal Mortality Review Launches in Kansas

by the Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



Pregnancy is often a positive experience filled with joy and anticipation. For some families, this exciting time turns tragic. Miscarriage and still births are one form of tragedy, but also there is an increasing trend of maternal and pregnancy-associated deaths in our state. In 2017, there were 17 pregnancy-associated maternal deaths reported in Kansas. Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary Jeff Andersen recently announced that to address this issue, KDHE has launched the Maternal Mortality Review (MMR), which includes a review committee.

“We have been focused on implementing comprehensive review of maternal and pregnancy-associated mortality for some time and look forward to working closely with partners, women and families to learn more about how to prevent these events,” said Rachel Sisson, Bureau of Family Health Director, KDHE. “We want to thank all of our partners for supporting development along the way, especially the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Kansas leadership who was instrumental in furthering legislation needed to strengthen the process and position Kansas for this important work.” Other project partners include the March of Dimes and other experts who represent various disciplines from across the state.

The MMR Committee convened for the first time on June 12. KDHE Bureau of Family Health and a team from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention provided information to the committee on the importance of conducting maternal and pregnancy-associated death reviews to prevent future cases and oriented them to their new role as a member. The committee completed a mock case review. The first full meeting to review 2016 Kansas death cases will be held in November 2018.

Approximately half of states in the U.S. have a comprehensive maternal mortality review process, the gold standard for maternal and pregnancy-associated death surveillance. As part of the process, a review committee gathers extensive information about each individual case of maternal death and synthesizes information to determine if the death was preventable and what specific and feasible actions, if implemented or altered, might have changed the course of events. Committee membership includes a vast array of professionals and partners engaging with and serving women during pregnancy and the year postpartum. Collectively, they will examine patient/family, community, provider, facility and system factors that led to a woman’s death. More information about the maternal mortality review process is available online at www.reviewtoaction.org, a portal provided by national partners with many valuable resources for states.

Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project

by Jessica Fiscus – Center for Public Health Initiatives, Wichita State University’s Community Engagement Institute



The Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project (KARP) is an ongoing effort to support local health departments as they learn about and work toward public health accreditation. The

Center for Public Health Initiatives offers a variety of support, including informational webinars on KS Train. Each webinar provides an overview of one of the 12 Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Domains.

If you have questions about the domains or are interested in learning more about KARP and accreditation readiness activities, please contact Jessica Fiscus at Jessica.Fiscus@wichita.edu.

2018 State of Breastfeeding in Kansas Report Released

by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition has released the 2018 *State of Breastfeeding in Kansas* report. The report contains current breastfeeding data and reflects the improving landscape of breastfeeding in Kansas. It also contains specific actions for various groups to take to build on the momentum that has been created through the coalition. Please share this brief report with community partners as appropriate. You can access this valuable resource [here](#).

2018 Kansas Community Health Worker Workforce Assessment

by Kristina Helmer, Project Facilitator and Alissa Rankin, Project Manager, Center for Public Health, Wichita State University
Community Engagement Institute



The Community Engagement Institute is conducting a workforce assessment of Kansas Community Health Workers on behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This assessment will help provide information on how community health workers are contributing to the health workforce in Kansas.

The first assessment is intended for employers and can be filled out by a supervisor, administrator or human resource individual at your organization. Click [here](#) for the organization/employer survey. The second assessment is intended to be distributed to all community health workers at your organization. Click [here](#) for the CHW survey. Community

health workers (CHWs) often go by various titles, but their roles generally include the following:

- Serve as a link between health/social services and the community
- Improve quality and cultural competence of service delivery
- Increase health knowledge through outreach, education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy
- Includes a person in a occupation outside of typical healthcare

Community health workers are often representative of the communities they serve. As such, CHWs may not use English as their primary language. The CHW survey is also available in Spanish.

If you have any questions or would prefer paper versions of these surveys mailed to you, contact Alissa Rankin, the CHW project manager at the Community Engagement Institute at: alissa.rankin@wichita.edu or 316-570-1516

KDHE Newborn Screening Program Awarded Grant to Expand Testing

by the Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Bureau of Family Health (BFH) and the Kansas Health and Environment Laboratories (KHEL) have been awarded a grant to add at least one new condition to the standard newborn screening panel. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funds total \$254,486, and will go to the purchase of new instrumentation, staff training, and database updates for reporting. The grant will also fund BFH's Follow-Up Program to develop education materials, train providers and birthing facilities about the new condition(s), and enhance KDHE's database to provide accurate and timely follow up for abnormal results. With this funding, Kansas can take the necessary steps to expand the panel to

include testing for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) by September 2020.

"The Newborn Screening Program serves every child born in the state, by providing screening, education and referrals for 31 medical conditions. These are conditions that families would not otherwise know their child had, until it was too late," said KDHE Secretary Jeff Andersen. "We are pleased to focus on expanding and improving these services to families and health care providers in Kansas."

The Kansas Newborn Screening program is a collaborative effort between public health, hospitals, providers and the parents of the infants screened. Screening is a public health service. Since 1965, it has been available to all Kansas infants and is done shortly after birth. Kansas newborns are screened for 31 conditions recommended by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Learn more [about the Kansas Newborn Screening program](#). Learn more [about SMA](#).

PHAB Releases Infographics on Accreditation Impact

This four-part infographic series illustrates successes from six health departments to show how Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation positively influenced agency processes, programs and infrastructure. The infographics highlight how the PHAB accreditation process improved these agencies' partnerships and collaborations, strengthened relationships and governance, facilitated performance and quality, and enhanced capacity to conduct planning and assessment activities. [Check out the infographics](#), developed by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials with support from CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support.

Webinar - Utilizing Academic Partnerships to Enhance Capacity in Small Health Departments – October 24

Academic health department (AHD) partnerships have the potential to enhance the capacity of the organizations involved and offer a variety of benefits. On Oct. 24, 1 p.m., join the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice and the Public Health Foundation to hear how the Kent City Health Department from Ohio is utilizing an AHD partnership with Kent State University to expand its capacity and support its journey toward Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation. [Register](#) for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar: Introducing the Competencies for Performance Improvement Professionals in Public Health – November 6

Does your work involve activities in the areas of quality improvement, performance management, workforce development, accreditation or community health assessment and improvement? Are you actively engaged in supporting your organization's performance improvement (PI) efforts? [Join the Public Health Foundation for a webinar](#) introducing the new [Competencies for Performance Improvement Professionals in Public Health](#) (PI Competencies), a set of skills desirable for PI professionals working in public health. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from noon – 1 p.m.



Funding Opportunities

Kansas Data-Driven Prevention Initiative – Deadline October 19

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment invites community-level organizations (see eligibility requirements) to apply for funding, not to exceed \$20,000 per county, to support projects that address the opioid misuse and overdose crisis in Kansas. Projects will reduce the incidence of opioid misuse and abuse, opioid use disorder, and opioid-involved morbidity and mortality through the development of community-based prevention efforts. Projects must be data-driven, adhere to program requirements and be developed with consideration of information in the [Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Misuse and Overdose Strategic Plan](#). [Additional information](#) about the eligibility requirements for this funding opportunity are available [online](#). For questions regarding this funding opportunity, contact Adrienne Hearrell at adrienne.hearrell@ks.gov or 785-296-3863.

The work of the Kansas Data-Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI) is focused on prevention. An application for different funding to address opioids will be released in two weeks. The focus of the forthcoming funding opportunity will be response. Communities are eligible to apply for both funding opportunities. Contact Adrienne Hearrell at adrienne.hearrell@ks.gov or 785-296-3863 if you have questions regarding the upcoming funding opportunity.



Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program – Deadline October 15

The Ben and Jerry's Foundation Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program offers general or project support to non-profit organizations throughout the United States. While its broad goals are to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just food systems, they focus on the types of activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social change rather than on the specific issues the organization is addressing. Proposals will only be considered from grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community-organizing and base-building strategies to accomplish their goals. For additional information about this funding opportunity, view the [Ben and Jerry's Foundation website](#).

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program – Deadline November 30

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program ("Network Planning"). The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated health care network, specifically network participants who do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts in order to: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. A rural health network is defined as an organizational arrangement among at least three separately owned regional or local health care providers that come together to develop strategies for improving health services delivery systems in a community. Health care networks can be an effective strategy to help smaller rural health care providers and health care service organizations align resources and strategies, achieve economies of scale and efficiencies, and address challenges more effectively as a group than as single providers.

The goals of the Network Planning program are centered around approaches that will aid providers in better serving their communities given the changes taking place in health care, as providers transition from focusing on the volume of services to focusing on the value of services. The intent is that rural health networks will expand access to care, increase the use of health information technology, explore alternative health care delivery models, and continue to achieve quality health care across the continuum of care from prevention and wellness to acute and long-term care.

Additional information about this funding opportunity can be found [online](#), including the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Please contact Sara Afayee at SAfayee@hrsa.gov or 301-945-4169 with questions about this opportunity.

NOSORH Rural Health Data Institute – Deadline October 19

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) Rural Health Data Institute is accepting applicants for the for the Fall 2018 cohort. The Rural Health Data Institute (RHDI) is a set of eight 90-minute web-based sessions designed to establish a minimum data-use skill set for those working with rural health data. The sessions are designed for those with little or no knowledge of the data use process.

RHDI starts by throwing the term "research" out the window and defining terms in a way that everybody can understand. It moves through the process of collecting your data, cleaning it up, and analyzing it in a way that makes sense. Later sessions help participants work through the steps of crafting their messaging and displaying it in a visualized way so other people can understand it too. By doing very small "homework" assignments aligned to the data use process, participants will end the RHDI with a one-page infographic fact sheet to do whatever they want with it: hang on the fridge in the break room or, better yet, disseminate it to your partners!

More information on the RHDI can be found in the program brochure, [here](#).

Register today for the RHDI by going to: <https://regonline.com/RDI2018>. But don't wait too long, spots in RHDI are limited and will fill up quickly and the deadline is quickly approaching! Registration will close on October 19. Participants will receive access to course materials on Oct. 24. The Institute will end on Feb. 20, 2019.

Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize – Deadline November 1

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize (the Prize) recognizes communities that have come together around a commitment to health, opportunity, and equity through collaboration and inclusion, especially with historically marginalized populations and those facing the greatest barriers to good health. The Prize honors those communities that are working to give everyone the opportunity to live well, including residents that are often left behind. A Culture of Health recognizes that where we live—our access to affordable and stable homes, quality schools, reliable transportation—make a difference in our opportunities to thrive, and ultimately all of this profoundly affects our health and well-being. The Prize elevates the compelling stories of community members who are working together to transform neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and more—so that better health flourishes everywhere, for everyone. There are characteristics shared by communities that catalyze and sustain positive change. Because the Prize recognizes whole communities, applicants must think beyond their own individual organizations and initiatives to what has been accomplished across the community. Applications will be judged based on the criteria below.

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy oriented long-term solutions
- Creating conditions that give everyone a fair and just opportunity to reach their best possible health
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members
- Securing and making the most of available resources
- Measuring and sharing progress and results

Through the RWJF Culture of Health Prize application process, a community comes together to tell their inspiring stories of collaboration, action, and results. Communities should understand they are applying for a prize and not a grant. The Prize recognizes work that has already been accomplished so there is no required workplan or budget. To be competitive, it is imperative that Prize applicants keep a community-wide focus in mind through all phases of the competition. Additional information about this opportunity is available [online](#).

America Walks – Community Change Grant – Deadline November 2

America Walks, partners of the [Every Body Walk! Collaborative](#), the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#), the [Juliet Ashby Hillman Foundation](#), Lyft, [WalkBoston](#), and other generous sponsors, are excited to announce another round of our popular [Community Change Grant program](#). This program will award grantees \$1,500.00 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play.

Funded projects will increase walking and benefits of walkability in communities, work to grow the walking movement by engaging people and organizations new to the efforts, and take steps towards creating a culture of inclusive health. Projects should be able to demonstrate how they will create healthy, active, and engaged communities that support walking as transportation, health and recreation. Applications are due by 4 p.m., on Nov. 2. Please contact Heidi Simon at hsimon@americawalks.org with questions. Learn more and apply for this grant opportunity [here](#).

Air Pollution Particles Found in Mothers' Placentas



New research shows direct evidence that toxic air – already strongly linked to harm in unborn babies – travels through mothers' bodies. This research joins an existing body of research that found children with early onset and persistent asthma fared far less well in education than those without the condition; the study, conducted over 20 years, showed that children with asthma were three and half times more likely to leave school at the age of 15 with only basic education and were also twice as likely to drop out of university courses. Asthma in children has long been linked to air pollution. This new study found that particles of air pollution travel through pregnant women's lungs and lodge in their placentas.



Register for the Kansas Opioid Conference – November 15

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Kansas Opioid Conference which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Nov. 15, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, in Topeka. The conference will provide local, state and national perspectives on the opioid crisis and initiatives to provide a comprehensive approach to the opioid crisis in Kansas. The conference agenda is available [online](#). Register [online](#).

Job Postings

Geary County Health Department

Medical Front Office Assistant

Harper County Health Department

Full Time Attendant Care Provider

Harvey County Health Department

Community Health Nurse - RN

Hodgeman County Health Department

Health Department Staff Nurse (RN)

Marion County Health Department

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Child Care Surveyor

Safe Kids Coordinator

McPherson County Health Department

Receptionist/Clerk I

Registered Nurse – Public Health

Riley County Health Department

Medical Clerk - WIC Division

Sedgwick County Health Department

CDC Program Manager

Medical Assistant – TB Control Program

Immunization Clinic Nurse I

Shawnee County Health Department

Social Worker - MSW

Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference – November 2



Registration is open for the 2018 Conference on Oral Health hosted by Oral Health Kansas. The conference will be held at the K-State Olathe Campus on Nov. 2.

This one-day event is designed to bring people together to lead innovation in overall health for Kansans. There will be incentives to bring new people to the conference to learn about how innovations in oral and overall health are happening in Kansas communities and how dental professionals, policymakers, volunteers and organizations are leading the charge.

The 2018 Conference on Oral Health speakers will include:

- Angel Romero, VP of Resource Development, United Way of Greater Topeka
- Jim Trotter, DDS, UMKC School of Dentistry & Dental Champions Class VIII
- Dr. Jen Brull, BCBSKS Board, on Patient-Centered Medical Homes & ACOs
- Luncheon and Keynote Address Speaker: Senator David Adkins, Executive Director CEO of Council of State Governments
- Stuart Little, Little Government Affairs

For additional information on the conference and a complete list of sessions, [click here](#). Continuing education units will be available for attendees. Register to attend the conference [online](#).



News & Resources

As Injuries Continue, Doctors Renew Call for Ban on Infant Walkers

Watching infants propel themselves across the floor on wheels in a saucer-shape baby walker may be as entertaining as a comedy episode. But because hospital emergency rooms treat more than 2,000 babies a year for injuries sustained while using these walkers, American pediatricians are repeating their [decades-old call for a ban](#). More than 230,000 children under 15 months old were treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments for skull fractures, concussions, broken bones, and other injuries related to infant walkers from 1990 through 2014, according to a recently published [study](#) in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Resource: Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Webinar

How can we break the cycle of addiction and improve health for moms and babies? In this National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives [recorded webinar](#), experts discuss the benefits of universal screening for opioid use in the prenatal period and identify best practices in care. Viewers will learn about evidenced-based recommendations to identify at-risk mothers and infants, ideas on optimizing a non-pharmacologic care bundle, and the importance of maternal involvement in care. Additional webinars hosted by the National Institute for Children's Health Quality can be [found here](#).

Syphilis in Newborns Reaches 20-Year High

According to the recently released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) STD Surveillance Report, cases of congenital syphilis more than doubled in the U.S. since 2013, outpacing overall increases in STDs nationwide. Congenital syphilis occurs when syphilis is passed from mother to baby during pregnancy or delivery and can result in miscarriage, newborn death, and severe lifelong health problems. The report reveals a need for improved testing and treatment for pregnant women. Once diagnosed, syphilis during pregnancy is easily cured with the right antibiotics. For more information, see the CDC news [release](#).

Heartland Conference on Health Equity and Patient-Centered Care – December 6-7

The Heartland Conference on Health Equity and Patient-Centered Care will feature two days of programs and strategies that address health equity and social justice in population health and health care. The conference theme for 2018 is “Eliminating Health Disparities Across the Lifespan” and will include breakout sessions organized around the following topics: community health worker capacity building, research readiness, community-campus partnerships, and patient-centered care. This conference provides opportunities to share innovations in primary care, patient-centered care, population health and public health. Additional information about this conference is available [online](#).



Walk into Action: Walking and Walkability Policy Issues – October 10

America Walks is hosting a webinar to learn about how community members can use their voice to support walking and walkability by engaging communities and key stakeholders on a variety of intersecting issues. Attendees of the webinar will hear an example of how a community in Chicago is making sure community members get a say in the decision-making process in addition to learning the inside scoop from those within the decision-making process. The webinar will be held on Oct. 10, 1 p.m. For additional information and to register, click [here](#).

Upcoming Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds – October 10

The **Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds (KS PHGR)** is a webcast series featuring public health practitioners and researchers from across the state and region. The purpose of the KS PHGR is to provide a platform to explore ongoing and emerging issues facing our public health system.

All sessions will be hosted by the University of Kansas Master of Public Health (KU-MPH) program and will be broadcast via Adobe Connect from the KUMC campus. Sessions are free to attend either in person or online, and will last approximately 50 to 60 minutes. Registration may be completed through the KU-MPH website at: <http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/mph/kansas-public-health-grand-rounds.html>. Any handouts and session recordings will be located on the same website.

Please join the upcoming KS PHGR sessions:

- **Sick and Segregated in Kansas City (Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 12:00 noon)**

If you are interested in presenting or would like to suggest a speaker or topic, please complete the **Prospective Speaker Form** available via the above website.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize Webinars – October 10

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will host two-live streamed panel discussions spotlighting topics where the recent Culture of Health Prize communities have shown significant progress. Panelists will provide community-led solutions, answer questions, and detail their accomplishments and challenges related to their work on the topic. Information on the panel topics and dates can be found below.

- Panel 1: What Happens When Communities are More Equitable and Engaged? - October 10, 12:30 – 1: 30 p.m.
- Panel 2: A focus on Education Can Help Families Thrive – October 10, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Register for the panels [online](#).



2018 Breastfeeding Conference – Nov. 1 – 2



Registration for the 2018 Breastfeeding Conference will open on September 1, but you can mark your

calendar now to attend on Nov. 1 - 2. The conference will be held at the Metropolitan Complex in Wichita. The first day of the conference will focus on building the capacity of local breastfeeding coalitions to successfully create communities supporting breastfeeding. Registration for the first day of the conference is free and will include a 2019 Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition membership. On the second day of the conference will focus on “hot topics” in lactation to provide clinical skills and breastfeeding knowledge for healthcare professionals and others who serve families. The registration for the second day is anticipated to be approximately \$110 and will include continuing education credits for RNs, IBCLCs & CLCs. Keynote presenters for the conference will include a presentation from Laurel Wilson on the potential impact of cannabis use during pregnancy and lactation as well as a presentation from Dr. Kathy Leeper on tongue and lip tie.

Vision & Hearing Screening Training Opportunities

The Kansas University (KU) Medical Center Area Health Education Center invites you to take part in their upcoming hearing and vision screening certification trainings. Slots fill up quickly, so reserve your spot now by registering online at www.kumc.edu/AHECcalendar! For more information visit the [Hearing/Vision Screening Page](#) their website or contact the KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center at 620-235-4040.

October 8-9	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 2
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by October 1, 2018, a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – October 4, 2018.</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
October 22-23	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 1
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by October 15, 2018, a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – October 17, 2018.</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
November 15-16	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 2
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by November 8, 2018, a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – November 12, 2018.</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>



More than 50 local health public health professionals gathered Sept. 12 in Salina to learn about school inspections at a pre-conference session of the Kansas Environmental Health Association.

Opioid Conference

*Building a collaborative response
to the crisis in Kansas*



Prescribing

CME & CNE on best practices,
strategies, and resources for
opioid prescribing and
pain management



Treatment & Recovery

Current projects in Kansas,
best practices, treatment
options, referrals, and
recovery support



Prevention

Prescription drug and opioid
misuse related prevention
strategies for
your community



Law Enforcement

Drug trends, categories
impairment recognition,
and Naloxone resources



Clinical Intervention

Strategies and support tools to
prevent and treat opioid use
disorder in the
clinical setting



For more information and
to register visit www.DCCCA.org

